Talmage Sermon

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Los Angeles, Cal., April 24.-In this sermon the preacher announces the divine amoesty to all who repent, and accept the offer which is made with a royal magnanimity and completeness that put human forgiveness to shame by comparison. The text is Psaim H. 7, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter

"Absurd simile," you say; "that statement cannot be scientifically true. There is nothing whiter than the snow, any more than there is anything deader redder than arterial blood, or emptier

Snow, from a chemist's standpoint, has a superlative whiteness. The purdrops through the air it comes to us as white as it is possible for anything | be to be. And yet there is a sense in that God can wash away our sins un-

The Poet's License What you state about the snow is literally true. Scientifically, there can be nothing "whiter than snow." But tion between two apples on the tree might live. This second apple wanted to be pulled off to adorn the Thanksgiving banquet table, or to be carried those two apples talking together I saw one of my dearest friends in the audience with a vexed look upon his face. He was a hard headed business man, without an atom of poetry in his makeup. After the service he came speak all that nonsense about those two apples? You never heard two apples talking. Apples can't talk." I looked at him for a moment and then said: "Didn't you ever hear the flowhave. I have heard them often talking to me. If Isalah could make mountains and the hills break forth into singing and all the trees of

the poet with the rigid bonds of scientific accuracy. He is accorded a license to see and hear with his spiritual eyes and ears scenes and sounds not scientifically true. Though these words of my text may not be literally psalmist they are poetically so. They may mean in the common language this: Though your past lives show stains that seem to you indelible as scarlet, though you have committed sins which have not only corrupted your own soul, but have laid the souls of others, like the human sacrifice of the Aztec sun worshipers, on the fiery altars, yet even for you there are pardon and cleansing, if you will accept them. Like the prodigal in his rags and tatters, there is a home for you in the Father's house. Though, like Paul, you have to acknowledge yourself the chief of sinners, like him you may find grace and have the honor of toiling in Christian service.

Christ is ready to cleanse the drunkard's sins. These are neither few nor small, for the drunkard's sins can drag a man down so low that he will lose all sense of decency and respect. They can change a man into a condition bruted than that of a wild beast. The drunkard after awhile become as unquenchable in his passions as the patient whose voracious appetite is insatiable after a long attack of typhoid fever. The drunkard's craving will make a man He and steal and destroy his home and his business. The drunkard's sins will the legion of demons which took possession of the poor maniac who, naked and alone, haunted the tombs of the be exorcised by the same divine pow-

cause of countiess other sins. Father Taylor, the saflors' preacher a phenomenon. He used to describe a pirate ship attacking a rich merchantman in the beginning of the last is but one unpardonable sin, and that century. With his inimitable power is the sin against the Holy Ghost, yet, of maritime description he pictured when the dreaded black flag was run leader then do?" said Father Taylor. "He to him, had been led into sin he turned ally than ever you have been in all small, and it perched on the lady's ordered grog to be served. Even those to the clerk of the village kirk and your past life, After Marshal Lannes thought reservoir like the duck on the murderers of men had a heart until a said: "Aye, blot her name off the on account of insubordination had rock in the game we used to play. gill of rum and molasses apiece took it | books! She is my child, but blot her | been deprived of his command Napoaway. No sooner was the rum swal- name off the books!" lowed than this mother, and her child But, oh, my brother and sister, er be allowed again to draw his sword "That's the new effect," said the milwere struck down by the men, whose though man is hard upon fallen man, in the service of France. What did liner. "All our imported hats have it. inflamed hearts and brains were with- and woman especially hard upon fallen Lannes do? Did he go over to the ene- They're made to set up that way. It out mercy." Ah, yes; the drunkard's woman, yet God today offers pardon sins are scarlet. They are sins which and peace for every penitent Magda-ket and said to himself, "If I cannot heavy head of hair that it lifted your

physical life of beast, bird and man. came as great-a curse as is the seven-

built across that island continent. The wool." rabbits were hunted with guns and dogs and entrapped everywhere, but than death, or blacker than black, or bit other rabbits, but they bit dogs and who in the dark night drives the knife rupt. sheep and cattle, and even bit men and drunkard's blood is once inoculated with the poison it seems to create in est of all vapors is that found far up its vietim a mad passion to destroy life. in the heavens. Along comes a sudden It seems to make a man absolutely in- plate his awful crime. "Pardon for cold wave and it freezes that vapor in- different how he might crush out the all" is the meaning of my text-parment. Then as that snowdake slowly insatiable craving, reckless of the consequences, though they may involve his coming recreant to his duty to the helpless woman and the innocent chilwhich the psalmist is right in saying dren who are dependent on his exer-

Reddest of All Sins. The drunkard's sins, without doubt. mon I described myself as walking I shall be whiter than snow," is a di- will forgive even those murderers who under the branches of an old apple Christ will not forgive the drunkard's false examples as well as he will fortree and listening to a long conversa- sins. Oh, man, though by drunkenness you have sold your home under with the dagger or the gun. One apple wanted to live the sheriff's hammer, though you have was willing to die in order that others | Francis Murphy, or Gough, or Captain Barbour, or as there is for the scores and hundreds upon hundreds of reas a gift to the invalid's room, or to be are found testifying to the glorious as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" An Appeal to Young Men.

stones of a drunkard's sins, will you mother's Bible is only a pack of supernot accept this salvation for your stitions? Do you believe there is no cow," said the May baby. There was an old decanter, and its mouth and take a drink. the fields clap their hands for joy, was gaping wide:
The rosy wine had ebbed away and left

surely I can hear two apples talk. I its crystal side, its crystal side, them."

The Powelland's Star.

The Posy wine had cooled away and tell its crystal side, and the wind went humming humming—up and down the sides it flew.

And through the reedlike, hollow neck the wildest notes it blew was blowing free. And fancied that its pale mouth sang the

queerest strains to me: they tell me, puny conquerors, the plague has slain his ten, And war his hundred thousands of the

true, in the figurative language of the But I'-twas thus the bottle spake-"but But I'—twas thus the bottle spake—"but I have conquered more
Than all your famous conquerors, so famed and feared of yore.
Then come, ye youths and maidens all—come, drink from out my cup
The beverage that dulls the brain and burns the spirit up,
That puts to shame the conquerors who slay their scores below.

The cholera, the plague, the sword, such scarlet they shall be as white as snow; ruin never wrought

As I, in mirth or malice, on the innocent have brought.
And still I breathe upon them, and they

shrink before my breath, And year by year my thousands tread the gave the thief upon the cross. He dismal road of death."

drunkard, promise with God's help to whether you have stolen a good name let your scarlet sins be cleansed whiter or a financial income. than the driven snow?

Christ Ready to Forgive. is ready to forgive those who have im- a squarer, truer man than he, yet you morally broken up the sanctity of the home. He forgave the sins of Rahab, aye, and you have succeeded! From a cat out a man's heart as well as his sins of the dissolute woman who talk-torain. The drunkard's sins are like ed with him at the Samaritan well; he that was an awful statement you made Gadarenes, and, like them, they may thine accusers? Doth no man con- was done, and she died of a broken demn thee? Neither do I condemn heart. It is now too late to bring her er. They are the direct and indirect thee. Go and sin no more." Christ is back to life. But God will forgive you. sins, as he was ready to forgive the robbed men and women of their good of Boston, drew a vivid picture of such scarlet sins of the dying thief and the names, God will forgive us if we only

But, though the Bible declares there strange to say, most people are not meration of crime has no applicability the terror of the peaceful seamen willing to forgive the sins of libertin- to me. I have neither robbed nor slanwhen the dreaded black flag was run ism, especially if the social outcast penp. He described with faithful real-longs to the female sex. Alas, alasi and or gambler." Assuredly not; but, all the good tunes, and the parish work work himself to the popping point any work himself to the popping point any ism the crowding on of the canvas and Even the best of men, the leaders in merelfully kent from such depths of merelfully kent from such d the pursuit by the rakish craft of the our churches and pulpits, are often mercifully kept from such depths of to its prey, as the leaping tiger comes seventh commandment as moral deheart must still tell you that you are World. ready to look upon the breakers of the human infamy and degradation, your nearer and nearer to a clumsy, lum- generates who have no chance for ul- a sinner in need of a pardoning God. bering buffalo. Then the whiff of timate rescue either in this world or And if he stands ready to forgive the smoke, then the murderers clambering in the next. Many people are apt to greatest of criminals and to wash away over the gunwales of the doomed ship, look upon immoral outcasts in the their scarlet sins how much more is then the wounded and dying men be- same way that the stern old Scottish he willing, O man, O woman, to give Her customer-1 was about to say vicing pitched overboard; then with the elder looked upon the actions of his to your soul pardon for penitence and tim-was, one of those helpless women dramatic effect of contrast Father Tay- wayward daughter in the beautiful to welcome you into the gospel sheep- who don't know what they want and scribed how these cutthroats hes- story in Ian Maclaren's "Bonnie Brier fold! itated before striking down the last of Bush." He professed to believe in the Paul, the greatest of the apostles, in lasts in town. The milliner was doing those on the merchantman — the cap- unlimited power of God's forgiveness, his abasement called himself the chief her hext. She picked up an airy fairy fain's helpless wife and his innocent, yet when his only daughter, his moth- of sinners. Like him, by God's grace creation and poised it on the lady's weeping child. "What did the piratical erless girl, his one child, who was all you may become more honored spiritu-

make men capable of fiendish work, lene. Though your sins against mo- draw a sword for my own country I hat. It's the newest thing."

whiter than the driven snow. Some people will tell you that men the seventh century was supposed to stored him to his old rank, but gave hank to drown their sorrows. I tell haunt the evil resorts of the Alexanyou that when men drink they stain drian capital. For many years the peotheir souls. No sconer is the drunk-

Many years ago an Australian colonist life to saving social outcasts. What make you part of himself and part of was homesick for the sight of the Eng-lish rabbit. He had one of his friends victs St. Vitalis was doing for fallen scarlet." you shall be recognized ship him a couple as pets to his faroff men and fallen women. At his funeral through heaven as his loving child. southern home. Those rabbits escaped those social outcasts, whom he had by Will you, O man, O woman, accept the from their master and began to breed. the power of the Holy Spirit rescued, Their progeny increased until they marched in front of his bier, chanting forgiveness of God? Will you have were almost as countless as the sands this cry: "We have lost our deliverer! your sin stained garments washed in of the sea. The Australian rabbit We have lost our instructor! God help the blood of the Lamb? plague destroyed the crops. They be- us! God help us!" Today Christ is willing to go into the lowest brothel teen year locust to the American farm- and into the haunts of the immorally er. They were numbered by the mil- vile and to say: "Come unto me and I lion. The Australian parliament was will make thee pure. Come, every man. bewildered with the problem. A re- Come, every woman. Though your ward of \$100,000 was offered for any sins be as scarlet, they shall be as

Pardon For All. Christ is ready to forgive the murstill their numbers grew. At length, as derer's sins. By that do I mean that rupt." a last resort, some rabbits were caught he is ready to forgive the highwayman than before menaced these southern that Christ is ready to forgive the colonists. These mad rabbits not only fiend who poisons the helpless child or into the heart of his sleeping adverwomen and children. So when the sary? Yes, Jesus is ready to forgive the convicted murderer though he cited, may be standing upon the scaffold under the hangman's noose, about to ex-

No Sinner Need Despair But among the murderers who are a play of that name." to be pardoned I would also class gun. He is ready to forgive those ledger.-Chicago Inter Ocean. who have slain by the lip as well as by the hand. In olden times the plmust be classed among the reddest of rates along the coast of England used member that some years ago in a ser- and I shall be clean; wash me, and weapons were false lights. So God ago.

give those who have murdered them can be no pardon for me. Let me tell a short distance above the ground he agricultural reason for these ever varyyou my awful story: When I went to catalogued as of the first order of size. there a roommate who was the son of formed drunkards who every night a minister. He was a ruddy faced lad urement from two to four feet above stowed away in the ship's hull for an rescuing power of the gospel of Jesus him how to drink and how to gamble. and as pure as a little child. I taught the surface will be twenty feet. the paths of sin. One night-I can re. itself .- New York Times. member the time as though yesterday -he sat upon the corner of his bed. Young man, you who today are hav- and, with a strange light in his eyes, ing your life's blood squeezed out of he turned and looked at me and said: baby had got well acquainted they exyou by the upper and the nether mill- 'Jim, do you really believe that my changed confidences.

emancipation from evil? Will you not hell? 'Yes, Harry,' I answered. Then seek Christ as a refuge from the de- I went on to convince him of it. Then struction of the drunkard, which seems he laughed a horrible laugh. Then he suit, with sterilized hands, through ers talk and the birds talk and apples eral the drunkard's eternal overthrow goodby, goodby! May you live long perature of 45 degrees." enough to soften the dying pillow of years ago these sardonic lines fell into my mother and father, but as for me, my hands; let me read them to you: goodby, goodby! Come, Jim, let's go tie wagon drawn by modified horses." Ready to Forgive.

"Frem that moment, sir, that young fellow let loose all his evil desires. He seemed to leap into a very whirlpool of sin. Within a few months he of the rugs and anything I can find was expelled from college. Within two that is dirty, and in that way I man years he committed suicide, and this age to maintain the bacterial balance is the letter he wrote on the night of his self murder: 'Dear Mother-This chuckling. is the last letter you will ever receive from me. I have broken your heart, but try to forget and forgive. If there is no hell, as Jim says, this world is a hell enough for me. From but they assigned to it only the usual your desgraced and dying boy." "'Did fantastic significance. It was just as you do all that?" "'Yes,' he answered. | well.-Cincinnati Commercial "Well, my friend, I know not how God will forgive, but he can and he will. The blood of Jesus Christ will slay their scores below.

For I have deluged millions with the lave for Christ's forgiveness. 'Whosoever.' Though in the paths of battle darkest waves of blood may roll.

Yet while I killed the body I have also damned the soul!

All. that is the word. 'Whosoever, whosoever,' That means you. Yes, it means you. Though your sins be as account they shall be as white as soon.

though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Christ is ready to forgive also the merciless thief's sins, even as he for. I bought a carnation on the day set. is ready to forgive the thief's sins, From this awful doom of the drunk- whether you have by evil jealousy ard will you not escape and in Christ's stolen away a man's good reputation name escape now? Will you not, O or have rifled a widow's pocketbook;

Man, you know that was a desperately mean act for you to circulate Christ is ready to cleanse also the de- that evil report about that physician's bauchee's sins. By that I mean Christ life. You know that there never was to be anywhere in England on prinwho concealed the Hebrew spies; he worldly standpoint you can never make forgave the sins of David, who stole atonement for that damage. But God the poor man's ewe; he forgave the will forgive you, even you, if you will forgave the sins of the woman de about the character of that sister. You nounced by the scribes, to whom he say that you are sorry, that you did turned and said: "Woman, where are not look into the facts before the evil ready to forgive the social outcast's Yes, whether we are thieves who have repent. "Though your sins be as scarlet." That means you; that means you.

As the Divine Merey. "But," you say, "this appalling enu-

leon Bonaparte declared he should nev- the victim asked. even to the death of a helpless mother rality may be as scarlet, they shall be can at least fire a private's gun." And with one gratified glance at her When Napoleon found his late marshal anything but abundant hair the victim St. Vitalls was a poor monk who in fighting in the ranks he not only re- bought the hat.-Washington Post.

lated rabbit of Australia to destroy the | monk than it was found out by testi- of spotless purity about your scarred mony that for years be had given his and evilly seamed shoulders. He will omnipotent and endless and eternal

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Twelve Was This Man's Hoodoo. The big clock in the bankruptcy ing was striking 12 at noon when a man with a disappointed look on his Clerk John E. Fay. "My debts are twice as much as my assets," he said. "I want to be a bank-

As Mr. Fay recorded the man's name

almost magical on the would be bank-"What do you know about that?" the man almost gasped, becoming much ex-

"About what?" asked the clerk.

As the man turned away, Clerk Fay

college, I was a very wild boy. I had New England, with its multitude of great elms, can show few whose meas-

"My milk comes from a certified "So does mine," said the June baby "It is milked by a man in a white

"So is mine." "It is brought to me in a prophylac-

"Then, how in thunder do you manage to be so fat and well?" The June baby winked slyly.

"I chew old paper and the corne which is esential to health," he said.

The May baby laughed long and

The mammas heard the googoing.

"So do I," said he

A British lawyer twitted a New York member of the bar on what the former was pleased to call American lack of sentiment. The twit was made

on carnation day. "I read in your newspapers," said the Briton, "that the carnation was to be worn on a certain day out of respect to the memory of the late President McKinley. As my wife is an American, was the only man whose lapel had the 'Susan?' 'Grea that day in one of your courts, and I no disrespect to the memory of a man thy. whom all good men respected. You are simply too commercial over here to indulge in sentiment. You ought rose day, and you would understand

what I mean."-New York Globe. Parish Dancing Lessons. What would have been thought a generation ago of a professional dancing master as an agent of church missionary work? His services are now in demand in several New York city parishes. By the report of the rector of Calvary Episcopal church they have associations are often evil.

The Calvary experiment was in line with that begun by St. Bartholomew's church. Saturday evening dancing classes were organized in the church gymnasium, and in these many young but he was terrible upset, and as to people at once showed themselves in- going over to Susan's he said he

Speaking of hats reminds me of "Isn't that awfully much too small?"

Self Government by Injunction.

JAPANESE DISCIPLINE.

Patience and a High Respect For the Law Are General. The Japanese soldier is drawn mainly from the class of the helmin, or commoners, and as agriculture is still, in too green or hard to use uncooked) into spite of the recent progress in manu- quarters; then remove the cores and facture, the staple occupation of Japan, skins. Allow one cup of sugar and SICK HEADACHE, the Japanese soldier comes mostly from one-half cup of water to two quarts of a family of peasants. The peasants of fruit. The amount will vary with dif Japan were always part proprietors of ferent apples, and it is important no the land, even before the revolution; to use too much sugar, for the lor clerk's office in the Monadnock build- they farmed it under certain condiman who could devise a practical plan white as the driven snow; though they face sauntered into the room and leanretically the land belonged to the lord, the steam will cause them to burst and but in reality he very seldom enforced run over the edge and result in a his power of taking it away from the mushy sauce, but a moderate heat, peasant in occupation. In the same long continued, will leave each quarter and inoculated with the fatal serum of who, with lifted gun, shoots down the be ventured, smiling, "All right, on the retically to the emperor, but it is own-stirring of the fruit. This may be ed by the peasant under certain condi-The clerk's words produced an effect tions of taxes and so forth. One does sealed the same as canned fruit, if you other methods fail. Correspondence so not need to be an agriculturist to appare not likely to use it all soon. As a preciate the care with which the Japa- sauce for a breakfast or dinner it is nese peasant farms his land. Rudyard acceptable; with cream and hot biscult Kipling, in the record of his hasty jour- for supper it is delicious, and as a fillney from Kobe to Tokyo, observed a ing for pastry shells it is convenient .-"On the stroke of 12," replied the farmer going over his bean crop stalk Home Science Magazine. man. "That sentence has been a hoo- by stalk, and every traveler to Japan doe to me for years. I was robbed on must have noticed the rice fields growto snowflakes, just as that cold wave heart of his wife, his child or his don and peace and eternal life for all. the stroke of 12, almost scorched by fire ing, not only in the plains, where irriday told a story of something that he no matter how vile, if in sincere re- at 12, I awaken in the night as the clock gation is simple, but up the sides of the once saw in a Milwaukee courtroom. row? Oh, no! He drinks to gratify his pentance they will come to him and strikes midnight, and the reason I am hills, which are sometimes terraced in Through the kindness and tact of the filing a petition in bankruptcy is be- fields from top to bottom. I have seen judge the court crier was saved from cause, fool that I was, I attempted to rice fields not larger than a pocket a fine. launch a theatrical company producing handkerchief, perched between uncompromising bowlders on a mountain side, "a session of the court at which this tions and have the strongest of all those who have slain their victims by numbered the petition "10.412" and entil we become "whiter than snow," the claims on his loyalty, his truth and his false signs, as well as by bullet or by tered it on the twelfth page of the was a Chinese puzzle. In agriculture ity for many years, but age was bethe Japanese peasant has a bulldog ginning now to tell on him. He fell perseverance which that ugly intelli- asleep while I was in the courtroon gent bullet head of his does not belie, and in a little while he was snoring.

all scarlet sins. Now comes the practions of the lights. in New England and one of the greating in it that artistic soul which animates proceedings of the court, but the judge What is said to be the largest elm | What is more, he contrives to express | tical question, Will God cleanse the Then the sea captains, watching the est trees east of the Rocky mountains his whole race. His fields are rarely showed great tact in interrupting. you must interpret these words of my drunkard's sins? When we say he is beckenings of the false lights, would is in the historic little town of Wethtext with the figurative license of the a loathsome, heartless, good for noth-When you see through poetic ing drunkard do we mean, "There is be wrecked. The pirates would rifle dens and its prison. The eim stands than when standing in front of the deeyes and hear through poetic ears you no hope for the drunkard?" Some of the drowned bodies as they would be on the lower end of the old town serted temple of Tesshuji. I looked can see sights and hear sounds never us have such a lack of faith that we guare, opposite the Smith house, still down over the miles of fertile plain and jumped to his feet. do mean this; but God never meant gether the wrecked cargoes. They occupied by descendants of John Smith, which stretch like a broad band along "Silence!" he exclaimed. "There fied by any earthly acoustician. I renor said it. "Purge me with hyssop were murderers whose who planted the tree over 170 years the coast from the province of Suruga must be no snoring in the courtroom, into the peninsula of Tzau. Above rose and he glared fiercely all about him." At the base, where some of the mas- the blue line of Fuji, crowned with -Philadelphia Press. through an orchard and lying down rect refutation of the charge that bave destroyed their fellow men by sive roots, as they radiate from the snow. The rice fields at that season trunk, protrude above the surface, the were mere pools of liquid mud, each circumference is fifty-five and one-half set in a low mud wall, ugly and dreary feet, while the main trunk above the in the extreme, and yet not monoto only for self. It wanted to hold on to wrecked your business and had your don for my scarlet sins? Oh, no! It in circumference. According to Oliver reason. It was this: Few of those about the perils of war nursing. "What," some murderer says. "Par- ground is twenty-two and one-half feet nous. It took some looking to find the to Japan, was talking in Philadelphi cannot be true. Why, you do not know Wendell Holmes' classification of elms. fields were square; not two were idenhealth died away and it became scope of delirium tremens, yet there is what you are saying. My sins are clear and desayed and wrinkled and brown and decayed and even pardon and peace for you! There to like the ground to be trampled under is the same message of salvation and something to spare, for walls were curved as gracefully as the than my cousin."

She paused, sm fell to the ground to be trampled under is the same message of salvation and with the hopelessness of despair. There all elms with a girth of twenty feet lines in a Greek vase. There was no

mind of the peasant. It has been said of the Japanese sol- therefore he stopped at a grocer's and dier that he is singularly amenable to bought a rabbit. arctic explorer, or to be crushed in Christ. "Though your drunkard's sins I argued him out of his helief in the Japanese crowd confronted by a police-Bible. I led him on, step by step, into one of them would make a big tree in man to know that. Most of the police where the bullet went through him.' men, as well as the officers of the army in Japan, belong to the old samural rabbit, and at the same time she sniffclass, and their power over the people ed, grimaced and turned away her When the May baby and the June is enormous. I have seen a surging head.

crowd in the midst of a religious festival at Kioto, jammed between the 'to shoot this rabbit today. Tomorrow car of the god and the flaming torches | would have been too inte." of the priests, give way instantly, politely and in order at the mere wave of the hand of one white uniformed authority.-London Globe.

ABSENTMINDED.

He Proposed to the Wrong Girl and Was Set Right by Her. "Mercy, no! I don't mind." said Miss Cerintha to a friend who showed a race of confusion at having spoken of old maids in her presence. "Old maids are a comfortable lot, generally speakng, specially any one who's a spinster from choice, as I be. Ever hear about that proposal of mine, Salome? "Well, I don't commonly approve of

women telling tales about such things, but this was different. It was Abner Davis-yes, Susan's Abner. I don't wonder you're surprised, but that's just who it was. It was Abner Davis come knocking at my door one fine evening starched up in his best and looking about as happy as if he was going to be shot and just about braced up to

"It was an awful muddy night un derfoot, and he's considerate by natur', but he strid right over the door mat and into the middle of the setting room without a word or look, and then he turned on me sudden, and says he; "Susan, will you marry me?"

"'Susan?' says' I, inquiring. I was In the big hotel where I am stopping I as he'd known me twenty years. wondering if he'd lost his mind, seeing

"Great King Agrippy! says he was the only man inside the bar who Then he pulled himself together, and wore the carnation. Even the judge says he, kind of wild and choking: "'No-no-of course I meant Cerin "It was then I saw daylight, and I

laughed right out. 'Oh, you poor thing!' says I. 'No, you didn't. You didn't mean Cerinthy. You meant Susan, only you darsn't tell me so. Well, I don't much wonder, marching in and popping off a proposal at a lone woman one minute and taking it back the next! Abnor Davis you always the next! Abner Davis, you always were a plumb gump for absentmindedness. Own up, now. Didn't you think this was next door?"

"'Cerinthy, you angel,' says he. You wouldn't want to hear a man more ferproved valuable as a counter attrac- did, but I never could have told you so. Your gate and Susan's are just alike, and I was busy screwing up my courage and didn't notice, and first thing I knew here I was, and I'd proposed to you!"

terested, the attendance increasing couldn't; twice in one evening was be through the season. Their success as- youd what he was equal to. But I Luther objected to the devil having then or never; I didn't believe he could good results is conducted in a spirit of similar enlightenment. — New York front door and held the light for him, and I told him plain out:

"'Abner,' says I, 'remember, you've proposed to me, and if you don't kite straight, across this instant and say your little piece to Susan, and say it pretty, I'll accept you.' "That sent him. What he said I

don't know; but Susan took him. It's a wonder he didn't ask her, 'Will you marry me, Cerinthy? And though she was a mite touched up when she learned how things happened - he didn't tell till they was safe marriedwhy, Susan has sense and Abner is a grateful creatur', and they both think I'm pretty nice, if I do say so. We've been the best sort o' friends and neighbors now this thirty years."-Youth's

BAKED APPLES. The Way to Make a Convenient and

Delicious Dessert. The difference between apple sauce

stewed quickly over the fire and that baked slowly, for several hours in a moderate oven is so reat that one their souls. No sooner is the drunkard's poisonous draft taken into the
seen coming out of a place of evil resees ed with rabies and must go forth
to scatter death wherever he can. The
human being inoculated with the poison of intoxicants seems to be endowed
with the power to destroy spiritual and
often physical life, as was the inocu
dian capital. For many years the people thought he was a hypocrite and a
like Marshal Lannes, are repentant, if
you will throw yourself upon the diroge.

"Ilestrain yourself, father!" implored
sort, he was fatally struck down by a
passerby, with the scathing words,
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"I one day attended," sald Mr. Payne "'Crier Jones,' he said in a loud voice "Crier Jones, some one is snoring."

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It Was Almost Too Late. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, who has taken a party of ten Red Cross nurses "I wish heartily," said Dr. McGee, "that soldiers could shoot no bette

She paused, smiled and resumed: ing yet always graceful shapes. It was the first time. He bagged nothing; Solid Oak Furniture Our Specialty. "My cousin went gunning last fall for ed to go home empty handed, and

"Good luck! he cried to his wife on E. C. NINDE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA. "My cousin's wife took hold of the "'You were wise, my dear,' she said,

A Russian Victory.

The war between Russia and Japan to be going on everywhere? How gen- turned and said: 'Well, old superstition, absorbent cotton, and kept at a tem- is not slavish fear. It is respect for on the part of those who have met has given rise to many reminiscence socially the representatives nations. A Philadelphia society girl who has just returned from a visit to Washington tells an amusing story of her introduction at a semiofficial recep tion to one of the attaches of the Russian legation. "Of course I didn't the story. "It seemed a mile long and in front of it. Well, when I was in troduced to him I said in a jocular sort of way, 'Count Bottle-of-Whisky how do you do-sky? He looked at me quizzically and then remarked, 'Bullygovitch.' And maybe I didn't feel cheap."-Philadelphia Record.

The Sluggard In After Life. In our family of five boys there wa never one who jumped out of bed until he was pulled out or dabbed with a

Yet here is the faithful record of the Aged Thirty-Manager of large man

ufacturing works. Aged Twenty-seven-Doctor; medalst with honors Aged Twenty-three-M. A. at eight een years old; now going up for his

last half of his final for LL. B. Aged Twenty-Student in medicine; carried all before him in every exam. Aged Fifteen-Head boy of his school Yet every one of us was called lazy, and every one will to this day at any time, morning, noon and night, enjoy

repose when he can snatch it.-Letter

in London Mail.

The Headsman's Defense. Delbler, Jr., who has succeeded his father as public executioner of France, has sent, through a process server, a letter to a journal by which he con-siders that he has been libeled. The newspaper had attacked the principle ticular. Two remarks in Diebler's let ter are quite worth quoting. He observes that the journal has fallen into the common mistake of coupling the functionary with the function. If the writer had taken the trouble to make inquirles he would have found out that in this instance the man and the institution are to be considered apart. Virginia. As a matter of fact, Deibler himself strongly disapproves of capital punishment. "But," he adds, with a yet more

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6 39 p. m. daily, makes local stops on signal. 8 37 p. m. daily, S. A. L. train. Stops at Doswell and Ashland on signal. Accommodation train leaves Richmond 4 p. m. daily except Sunday. Arrive Fredericksburg 6 33 p. m.

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